Conversion of Central Jail, Goa into a National Monument

80. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Ajwada Fort Jail (Central Jail) Goa played a historic role in Goa Liberation Movement;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to convert the same into a national monument and inscribe on its walls the history of the Liberation Movement togetherwith the names of the heroes of the great struggle; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of Goa have issued a notification on 11.7.2002 under section 3(1) of the Goa, Daman and Diu Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1978, to declare the Jail as a protected monument, and against which three objections have been received. So far no action has been taken by the Government of Goa to issue the follow up final notification.

Setting-up of Tourist Police Force

81. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has requested all the State Governments and UT Administrations to set up Tourist Police Force for the safety of tourists in their territorial jurisdiction particularly foreign tourists who complain of harassment, duping and even molestation which tarnish the image of the country abroad; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of each State and UT in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a)and (b) Yes, Sir. The Governments of Kerala, J&K, Rajasthan, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh have set-up Tourist Police Force for the safety of the foreign